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1. LONDON FOCUS: VIRTUALLY ALL PORTUGUESE NEWSPAPERS MAY 10  
FOCUSED ATTENTION ON LONDON'S NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING,  
SCHEDULED SESSIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENTS EANES AND CARTER AND  
RELATED EVENTS. TELEVISION AND RADIO DEVOTED TIME TO THESE  
SUBJECTS, AS WELL. MOST MEDIA COVERAGE WAS STRAIGHT-FORWARD NEWS.

2. CARTER-EANES: THE SCHEDULED MEETING BETWEEN THE CHIEFS  
OF STATE OF PORTUGAL AND THE U.S. WAS PROCLAIMED IN THREE  
TO FOUR COLUMN HEADS BY SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS. MANY PREDICTED  
THAT THE TWO MEN CERTAINLY WOULD DISCUSS THE REPORTED  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND THE U.S. TO LUMP  
\$200 AND \$300 MILLION RESPECTIVELY TOWARDS A MULTILATERAL  
LOAN FOR PORTUGAL. THE PRO-GOP "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS",  
REPORTING ON EANES' FIRST DAY IN LONDON,  
SAID THE PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT CONTACTED LEADERS OF  
OTHER NATO NATIONS, "MORE NOTABLY" CHANCELLOR HELMUT  
SCHMIDT WHO, ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, CONFIRMED WEST  
GERMANY'S INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOAN.  
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THE NEWSPAPER ADDED THAT SCHMIDT ALSO REAFFIRMED HIS  
COUNTRY'S SUPPORT FOR PORTUGAL'S EFFORT TO ENTER THE  
EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET.

2. NATO: IN A SEPARATE ARTICLE, "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS"  
UNDERScored U.S. COMMITMENT TO NATO. THE STORY, WHICH  
RAN NINE INCHES-DEEP ACROSS FOUR COLUMNS, WAS WRITTEN BY

THE PAPER'S INTERNATIONAL NEWS EDITOR IQBAL AHMED, WHO TOOK PART IN A USIA-CORDINATED EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS DEFENSE-SECURITY TOUR. AHMED WROTE: "FIVE TIMES IN LESS THAN FIVE MONTHS, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION STRESSED ITS COMMITMENT TO NATO; AND LAST WEEK IT WAS PRESIDENT CARTER HIMSELF WHO EMPHASIZED THIS FUNDAMENTAL PRICIPLE IN A PRESS CONFERENCE.... IN THIS INTERVIEW WHICH MARKED THE END OF HIS HONEYMOON OF 100 DAYS IN THE WHITE HOUSE, CARTER ... AFFIRMED THAT THE CONSIDERS A STRONG EUROPE -- UNITED AND PROSPEROUS -- INDISPENSABLE TO OUR OWN FUTURE ..." MEANWHILE, ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR LONDON, PRESIDENT EANES REPORTEDLY TOLD THE MEDIA (COMMUNIST-LINE "O DIARIO DE LISBOA"): "THE PORTUGUESE POSITION IN NATO IS COMPLETELY DEFINED. THERE IS, HOWEVER, A NECESSITY FOR PORTUGAL, TOGETHER WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE, TO TRY TO CONSTRUCT A DIFFERENT SOLIDARITY, A COMPLETE ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY."

3. LOAN: MEDIA ATTENTION STILL IS RATHER EXTENSIVE ON WHAT SOME OF THE MEDIA DESCRIBE HERE AS THE "BIG LOAN", ", WITH THE COMMUNIST-ORIENTED "O DIARIO" CONTINUING ITS NEGATIVE TREATMENT. "THE LOAN", IT WROTE IN A PAGE-ONE BOX, "WAS ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT A CERTAINTY TO MONTHS AGO. LATER, THE IMAGINARY CONSORTIUM DESTROYED ITSELF. THE 'LOANS' THEN HAD TO DEPEND ON BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. BUT, THE BEST HYPOTHESES IS THAT NEITHER DOLLARS OR MARKS WILL ARIVE UNTIL 1978." ARTICLE CONCLUDED BY CRITICIZING THE GOP FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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ANNOUNCING THE LOAN PREMATURELY.

4. MONDALE-YOUNG: PORTUGUESE MEDIA VIEW THIS WEEK'S MEETING OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND U.N. AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN LISBON AS HAVING PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE IN REGARD TO U.S. AFRICAN POLICY. COMMUNIST-LINE "DIARIO DE LISBOA" MAY 9 HEADLINE WAS: "LISBON IS THE AMERICAN TRAMPOLINE TO REACH SOUTH AFRICA." JORDAN

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